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In re application of:

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**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-047952 published in Japan on February 20, 2001;

B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-138841 published in Japan on May 22, 2001;

C. U.S. Patent No. 6,293,587 issued to Lapic et al. on September 25, 2001; and

D. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0034661 published in the U.S. on February 20, 2003.

Prior art A-B are not in the English language, but the concise explanation of relevance of these prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Additionally, an English language abstract is attached to each of these prior art. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of this prior art is omitted herein.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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